

A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBER "ABLE" MABLE THOMAS


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A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S CURRENT APPLICATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION FUNDING THROUGH THE GEORGIA GREENSPACE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION OF FIVE TO TEN ACRES OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THAT PORTION OF THE ENGLISH AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD LYING WEST OF THE CSX RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY WHICH BISECTS THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WITH SAID LAND TO BE PERPETUALLY DEDICATED AS A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK FOR INFORMAL RECREATION TO EXCLUDE BICYCLE PATHWAYS; TO RESCIND CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Greenspace Program has establish a public funding mechanism, for public sector land acquisition to perpetually protect and designate up to 20% of a participating jurisdiction's land as open space,

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is currently preparing a list of parcels proposed for acquisition through this program,

WHEREAS, the acquisition of open space and greenspace for the English Avenue neighborhood was amended by ordinance into the year 2000 Comprehensive Development Plan and Capital Improvements Plan,

WHEREAS, the implementation of the English Avenue Redevelopment Plan has provided no open space neighborhood park for the residents of the English Avenue neighborhood;

WHEREAS the English Avenue Neighborhood Association at its duly convened September 2000 monthly meeting, voted to request funding through the Georgia Greenspace Program to acquire land to be dedicated as an open space neighborhood park for the English Avenue neighborhood,

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. That the City of Atlanta amend its current application for land acquisition funding through the Georgia Greenspace Program to include funds for acquisition of five to ten acres of land located within that portion of the English Avenue neighborhood lying west of the CSX railroad right of way which bisects the neighborhood, with said land to be perpetually dedicated as a English Avenue neighborhood park for informal recreation to exclude bicycle pathways.

Section 2. That this funding shall be separate and distinct from any funding earmarked for acquisition of land to be utilized for bicycle pathways within the boundaries of the English Avenue neighborhood.

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Section 3. That this funding shall be separate and distinct from any funding earmarked for acquisition of streamway corridors mandated for city acquisition under court order from the recent environmental consent decree within the boundaries of the English Avenue neighborhood.

Section 4. That the City shall designate the English Avenue Neighborhood Association as the sole private entity to establish any future cooperative management or leasing agreements for this park with the City of Atlanta Parks Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.